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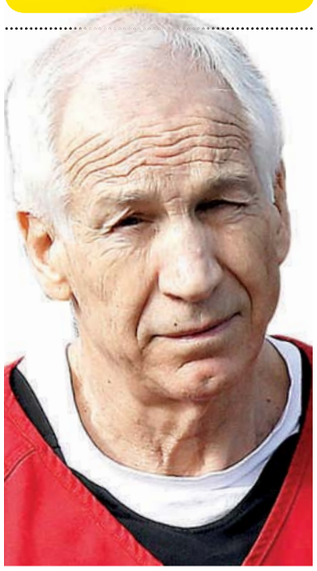

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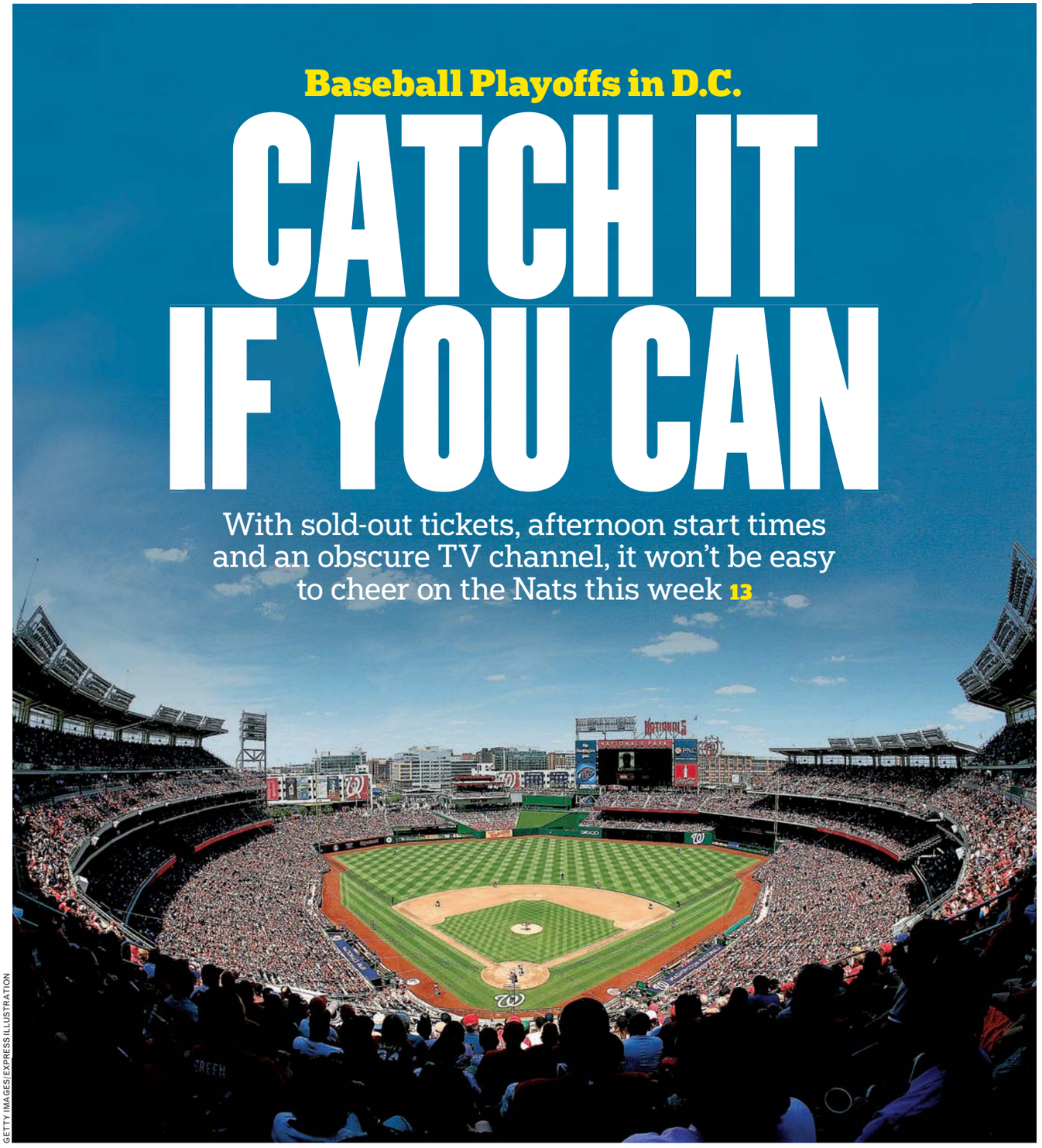

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Law Professor Deems 'Crime-ish' a Silly Concept

A Texas Tech law school professor has looked at Halloween-related cases and whether the spooky celebration offers a legal excuse for crime. In her new book, "Halloween Law: A Spirited Look at the Law School Curriculum," Victoria Sutton concludes that the answer is no and that courts in general have decided that "vandalism is still vandalism." (AP)

PETTY CRIME

Man Charged With Not Saying 'Please'

Police say a man who robbed a western Pennsylvania bank last week handed tellers notes demanding only $1 because he apparently hoped to be sent to a federal prison nearby. Instead, Jeffrey Mullen remained in the Cambria County Prison awaiting a preliminary hearing Tuesday on charges from Friday's heist. (AP)

FOOD

Live Bacon Upsets Suburb

A pot-bellied pig that someone likely abandoned as a pet has been running amok in Midland Heights, Pa. Residents say they've had no luck catching the pig, which is rooting around in yards and frightening children. Resident Kristi Bilotto says the pig has so far outsmarted residents who have tried to trap it or put it in a cage. She says it's cute, "but it belongs on a farm ... not in the Heights!" (AP)

The Big Picture

TONY AVELAR/AP

DAD NEEDS A NEW HOBBY: Thad Starr poses with his children Danika and Derek after winning the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival Weigh-Off contest in Half Moon Bay, Calif., on Monday. The pumpkin weighed 1,775 pounds, making it a new California record. Starr won $6 per pound, which equals $10,650.

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At Least 30 Years for Sandusky

Ex-Penn State coach denies abuse charges before his sentencing

Bellefonte, Pa.

Jerry Sandusky, maintaining his innocence, was sentenced Tuesday to at least 30 years in prison — effectively a life sentence — in the child sexual abuse scandal that brought shame to Penn State and led to coach Joe Paterno's downfall.

A defiant Sandusky gave a rambling statement in which he denied the allegations and talked about his life in prison and the pain of being away from his family.

"I've forgiven, I've been forgiven. I've comforted others, I've been comforted. I've been kissed by dogs, I've been bit by dogs," he said. "I've conformed, I've also been different. I've been me. I've been loved, I've been hated."

Three victims spoke, often fighting back tears. One looked Sandusky in the eyes at times. Two of the men exchanged a long embrace after court was adjourned.

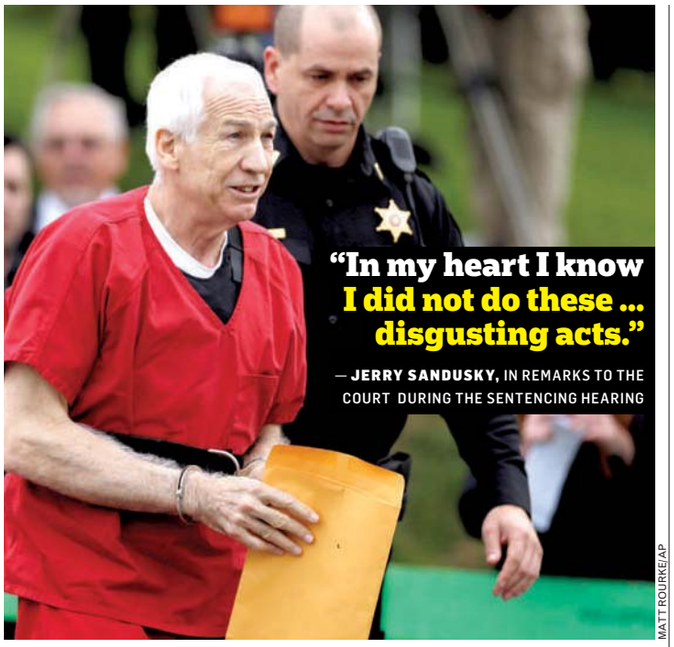
The 68-year-old former Penn State assistant coach was found guilty in June of 45 counts of child sexual abuse, convicted of molesting 10 boys over a 15-year period. Judge John Cleland handed down a 30- to 60-year term. He called Sandusky dangerous, saying he betrayed children and abused their trust.

Sandusky's arrest 11 months ago, and the details that came out during his trial over the summer, transformed Sandusky's public image from a college coach who had been widely admired for his work with the Second Mile charity into that of a reviled pervert who preyed on the very youngsters who sought his help.

Eight of the boys he was found guilty of molesting testified at his trial, describing a range of abuse that included fondling, oral sex and anal intercourse.

Sandusky has consistently maintained his innocence and plans to appeal. One element of the appeal is expected to be a claim that the defense did not have time to adequately prepare for trial. Sandusky was charged in November.

MARK SCOLFORO (AP)



MATT ROURKE/AP

Jerry Sandusky arrives Tuesday for his sentencing hearing in Bellefonte, Pa.

"I am troubled with flashbacks of his naked body, something that will never be erased from my memory."

— **VICTIM NO. 5,** WHO TOLD THE COURT THAT "JERRY HAS HARMED CHILDREN"

"The tragedy of this crime is that it's a story of betrayal. The most obvious aspect is your betrayal of 10 children."

— **JUDGE JOHN CLELAND,** WHO GAVE SANDUSKY 30 TO 60 YEARS IN PRISON

What a Letdown: Felix Baumgartner, 43, canceled his planned 23-mile free fall Tuesday because of high winds in Roswell, N.M., the second time this week he was forced to postpone his quest to become the world's first supersonic skydiver. The former military parachutist from Austria had planned to ride a capsule carried aloft by a 55-story helium balloon, and then jump in a special suit. His team said he intends to try again, possibly Thursday. (AP)

In Brief

NEW YORK

U.S. Sues Wells Fargo Over Mortgage Defaults

The federal government has sued Wells Fargo Bank in New York, blaming the nation's largest originator of home mortgages for thousands of loan defaults over the past decade. A civil mortgage fraud lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan on Tuesday seeks to recover hundreds of millions of dollars that the Federal Housing Administration, which insured the loans, had to pay out after borrowers defaulted. (AP)

NEW YORK

Officials: 119 Cases Seen In Meningitis Outbreak

The number of people sickened by a deadly meningitis outbreak in 10 states reached 119 cases, including 11 deaths, health officials said Tuesday. Officials have tied the rare fungal meningitis to steroid shots for back pain. (AP)

MOBILE, ALA.

Police: Student on LSD Before Fatal Shooting

A nude University of South Alabama freshman had taken LSD and assaulted others before he chased the campus police officer who fatally shot him, authorities said Tuesday, though the student wasn't armed and didn't touch the officer. Gil Collar, 18, was shot Saturday. (AP)

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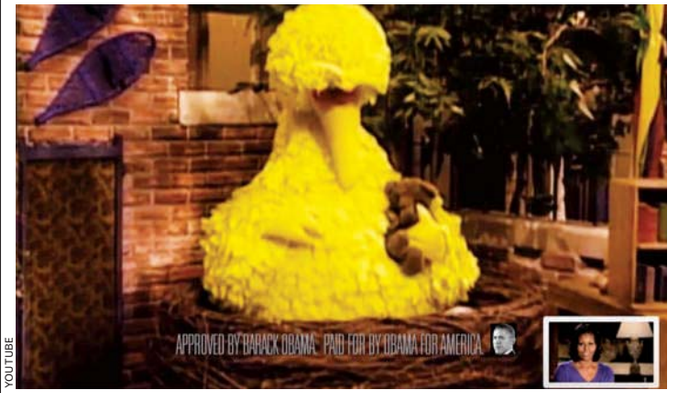

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President Barack Obama's campaign released an ad featuring Big Bird on Tuesday.

Obama's Big Bird Ad Ruffles Feathers

'Sesame' foundation asks campaign to remove satirical spot

New York

Big Bird is flying high in the 2012 presidential campaign.

President Barack Obama's campaign deployed the beloved "Sesame Street" icon in a new TV ad Tuesday mocking Mitt Romney for saying he would defund public broadcasting if elected.

The foundation backing "Sesame Street" quickly disavowed the spot, and Romney dismissed it as un-serious even though the Republican hopeful brought Big Bird into the national political conversation at last week's presidential debate.

Big Bird has been a big deal since Romney, in outlining ways he would cut federal spending, said, "I'm going to stop the subsidy to PBS," adding, "I like PBS, I love Big Bird."

Romney's comment drew immediate reaction on social media. Mock Big Birds have followed Romney to campaign events, and the real Big Bird even made an appearance on "Saturday Night Live" last weekend.

Sesame Workshop, the foundation behind "Sesame Street," demanded the ad be taken down.

The Obama campaign said it was reviewing Sesame Workshop's concerns. (AP)

Meanwhile ...

President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney were crossing Ohio on Tuesday and making their case with new urgency in the campaign's final weeks. Polling shows a tightening race after more than 67 million people watched Romney shine in last week's debate in Denver. No Republican has won the presidency without carrying Ohio. (AP)

Bug-Eaters, Beware

The winner of a roach-eating contest in South Florida died shortly after downing dozens of the live bugs as well as worms, authorities said Monday. About 30 contestants were vying for a python in Friday's contest. Edward Archbold, 32, became ill shortly after the contest ended and collapsed. He was later pronounced dead. Police were awaiting autopsy results Tuesday. (AP)

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World

In Brief

JERUSALEM

Israeli PM Accelerates Parliamentary Elections

Netanyahu

Israel's prime minister on Tuesday ordered new parliamentary elections in early 2013, roughly eight months ahead of schedule, setting the stage for a quick campaign that will likely win him re-election. Benjamin Netanyahu said he was forced to call the snap polls after his coalition could not agree on a budget. (AP)

MEXICO CITY

Cartel Leader's Corpse Stolen, Officials Say

Mexican marines gunned down one of Mexico's most feared drug lords, Heriberto Lazcano, near the Texas border, then handed over the body to local authorities in a town where it was snatched by armed men in a pre-dawn raid on a funeral home, officials said Tuesday. The theft adds an embarrassing twist to one of the most significant victories in the country's drug war. (AP)

BAGHDAD

Al-Qaeda Is Said to Be Strengthening in Iraq

Al-Qaeda is rebuilding in Iraq and has set up training camps in the nation's western deserts as it seizes on regional instability and government security failures to regain strength, officials said Tuesday. Iraq has seen a jump in al-Qaeda attacks in the past 10 weeks. (AP)

ROME

City Government Fired Over Mafia Concerns

The Italian government dissolved the administration of the Mafia-plagued southern city of Reggio Calabria after a city counselor was arrested on Mafia charges, officials said Tuesday. (AP)

Taliban Shoot Teenage Activist

Pakistani has fought to improve education for the country's girls

Peshawar, Pakistan

A 14-year-old Pakistani activist who won international acclaim for speaking out for girls denied education under the Taliban was shot and seriously wounded Tuesday on her way home from school, authorities said.

The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack on ninth-grader Malala Yousafzai, who officials said was shot in the head by at least one gunman who approached a school bus in Mingora, a city in the scenic Swat valley in the country's northwest.

Yousafzai was flown by helicopter to a military hospital in Peshawar, where officials said a bullet was lodged near her spine.

President Asif Ali Zardari directed that Yousafzai be sent abroad for medical care, a government spokesman said.

A seventh-grade girl was shot in the leg, according to local police.

Yousafzai became known in early 2009, when she wrote a diary about Taliban atrocities under a pen name for the BBC's Urdu service. In 2011, the Pakistani government awarded her a $10,500 prize and a peace award for her bravery in raising her voice for children's rights and girls' education when few others in Pakistan dared to.

Yousafzai began her diary when the Taliban banned girls' education and bombed hundreds of schools, mostly those for girls, in Swat.

In her diary, she wrote about her fears and growing Taliban influence: "On my way from school to home I heard a man saying, 'I will kill you.' I hastened my pace and after a while I looked back if the man was still coming behind me. But to my utter relief he was talking on his mobile and must have been threatening someone else."

HAQ NAWAZ KHAN AND MICHELE LANGEVINE LEIBY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Malala Yousafzai, 14, is evacuated Tuesday after she was shot in Mingora, Pakistan.

Fighting Words

"She considers President Obama as her ideal. Malala is the symbol of the infidels and obscenity."

— **IHSANULLAH IHSAN,** CHIEF SPOKESMAN FOR THE PAKISTANI TALIBAN, SAYING WHY THE GROUP TARGETED MALALA YOUSAFZAI, 14

"Malala is like my daughter and yours, too. If that mind-set prevails, then whose daughter would be safe?"

— PRIME MINISTER **RAJA PERVEZ ASHRAF,** IN COMMENTS TO THE PAKISTANI SENATE AFTER MALALA YOUSAFZAI WAS GUNNED DOWN

Quantum Work Lands French-U.S. Duo a Nobel

Stockholm

A French-American duo shared the 2012 Nobel Prize in physics Tuesday for experiments on quantum particles that have already resulted in ultra-precise clocks and may one day help lead to computers many times faster than those in use today.

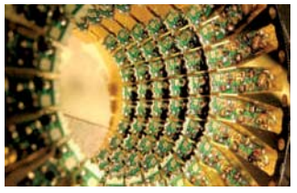
Serge Haroche of France and American David Wineland showed in the 1990s how to observe individual particles while preserving their bizarre quantum properties, something that scientists had struggled to do before.

Working separately, the two scientists, both 68, developed "ingenious laboratory methods" that allowed them to manage and measure and control fragile quantum states, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

"Their groundbreaking methods have enabled this field of research to take the very first steps towards building a new type of superfast computer based on quantum physics," the academy said.

Haroche also said quantum research could help make GPS navigating systems more accurate.

Wineland noted that many people are working in the field. "At this point, I wouldn't recommend anybody buy stock in a quantum computing company ... but we're optimistic," he said. (AP)



What It Means

In an ordinary computer, information is represented in bits, either a zero or a one. But in a quantum computer, a particle can essentially represent a zero and a one at the same time. If scientists can make such particles work together, certain kinds of calculations could be done with blazing speed. (AP)

NATO Vows to Defend Turkey Against Syria

Brussels

NATO is ready to defend Turkey, the alliance's top official said Tuesday, in a direct warning to Syria after a week of cross-border artillery and mortar exchanges escalated tensions between the two countries.

Ankara reinforced a base close to the frontier with Syria where shells killed five Turks last week, sparking fears of a regional crisis. Syria has defended its shelling of Turkey as an accident.

"Obviously Turkey can rely on NATO solidarity," NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said. His comments were the strongest show of support to Turkey since the conflict began. (AP)

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Going to Nats Park? Have a Plan

Wednesday's playoff game is a new transit experience for the city

Washington

Massive crowds are expected to descend on the Navy Yard area Wednesday for the first playoff game at Nationals Park, but the big problems could begin after the final out.

The game is scheduled to start at 1 p.m., which means that tens of thousands of baseball fans will be flooding Metro and the roads just as the evening commute gets under way.

Metro

The transit agency will be putting every available car into service to accommodate the crowds. Extra Green Line trains will shuttle between the Mount Vernon Square and Anacostia stations. These eight-car trains will have operators at both ends so they can quickly reverse direction.

Still, even with extra trains covering a handful of stations, riders will still encounter crowded cars and packed station platforms. If an arriving train is full, just wait for the next one, which might have fewer riders. The Navy Yard platform will be packed before and after games.

GERALD MARTINEAU/TWP

Metro will be putting every available car into service to accommodate crowds.

Buses

Metrobus routes 74, P1, P2, V7, V8 and V9 all serve Nationals Park. Circulator buses travel among the Navy Yard station, Eastern Market station and Union Station.

Biking

Capital Bikeshare members can drop bikes off at a corral at 1st and N streets SE. The corral opens at noon and will remain open until an hour after the game.

There are also three Bikeshare stations close to the stadium and several others a short walk away.

You can also park your own bike at the stadium. Nationals Park has a free bike valet in Garage C (also at the corner of First and N streets SE; enter on N Street) that can hold 100 bikes, while there are other bike racks surrounding the ballpark that can hold up to 250 bikes. MARK BERMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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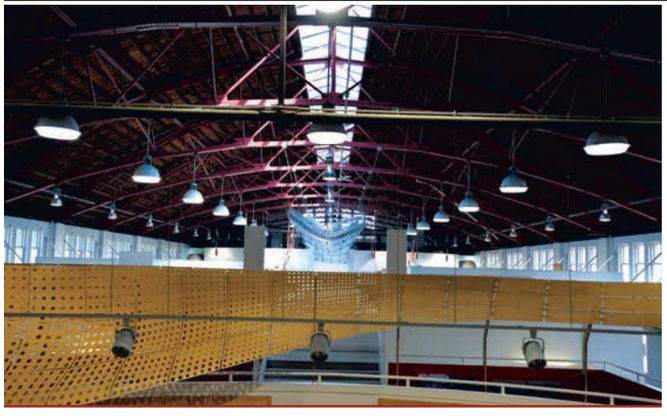

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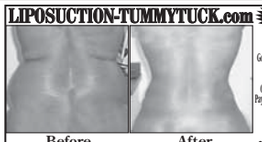
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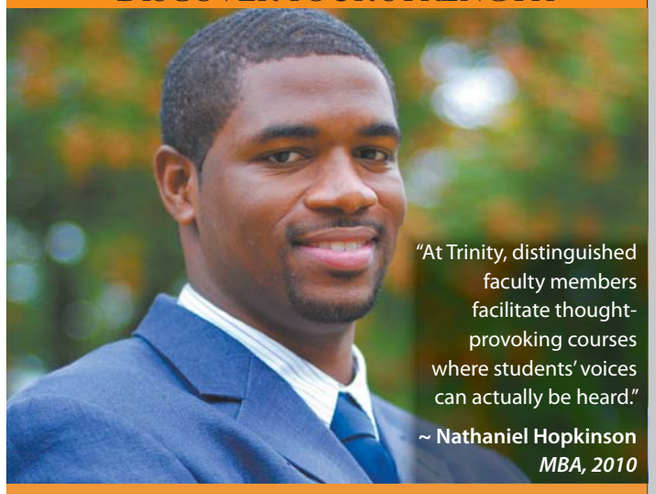
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In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Md. Lawmaker Pleads Guilty to Misconduct

Alston

A Maryland lawmaker pleaded guilty Tuesday to misconduct for paying an employee in her law office $800 in state money, a plea the state prosecutor said triggers her suspension from office. Del. Tiffany Alston, D-Prince George's, made the plea agreement to settle two separate cases after a jury in June found her guilty in the case involving state money. A judge sentenced her to one year of jail with all of the time suspended. (AP)

CLARKSBURG, MD.

Man Dies After Police Use Pepper Spray on Him

Montgomery County police say a Clarksburg man died after an altercation with officers involving pepper spray. Police say they were called to a residence on Tailor Shop Place on Monday for a person who was exhibiting violent and erratic behavior. Police say the man became violent when they tried to arrest him and that they used pepper spray to subdue him. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Oct. 9

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-8-8
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	9-7-7
Mid-day DC 4	7-0-8-2
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Mid-day D.C. Five	3-4-6-0-7
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	2-7-2-3-1

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	9-0-7
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	7-1-8
Mid-day Pick 4	5-4-9-5
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	7-1-8-4
Match 5 (Mon.)	1-16-22-26-36 (31)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	8-5-6
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-8-3
Mid-day Pick 4	1-8-2-9
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	3-4-8-9
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Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	10-13-16-28-34

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Kwame Brown Given a Curfew

Ex-Council chairman admonished by judge for missing check-in

Washington

Former D.C. Council chairman Kwame Brown was given a curfew and sternly admonished Tuesday morning by a federal judge for failing to report to authorities by telephone, a condition of his release in a bank-fraud case.

Brown, who is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 13, apologized during a brief hearing in the District's federal court for not calling pre-trial officials on three separate occasions as required by U.S. District Judge Richard Leon. The judge placed him on an 11 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. curfew and ordered that he report to court officials in person until his sentencing.

"Mr. Brown, what do you have to say about your conduct? Three strikes?" Leon asked after Patty Sucato, a pre-trial release official, said that Brown did not call her office during the weeks of June 11, July 16 and Sept. 10.

"Well, your honor," Brown said. "First I would like to apologize. I know the importance of calling in ..."

"You do?" Leon interrupted. "Your conduct doesn't reflect that all. After three times?

SARAH L. VOISIN/TWP

Kwame Brown is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 13 on bank-fraud charges.

"Your apology is a little late in the game," the judge added. "What's your excuse?"

Brown then said that he was out of town that first week and forgot to call. On the second occasion, he thought he had taken care of his reporting responsibility when he called to alert court officials that he was leaving town that week. He didn't think he had to call during the week of Sept. 10 because he had been booked that week by D.C. police on a related campaign finance charge in Superior Court.

In June, the former Council chairman resigned from office and pleaded guilty to lying on bank-loan applications. Under nonbinding sentencing guidelines, he faces up to six months in jail. DEL QUENTIN WILBER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

More Delays for D.C. Streetcars

Washington

At this rate, it's hard to see a streetcar rolling down any D.C. street before 2014.

That's the only conclusion to draw after city transportation director Terry Bellamy told a D.C. Council panel Tuesday that a Northeast neighborhood's move to block plans for a car barn could add up to 90 days — or a lot more — to the current official estimated opening date of "late 2013."

The proximate reason for the latest delay is an application to city historic preservation authorities seeking landmark status for Spingarn Senior High School and its grounds, which is where city officials are planning to locate the car barn that is a prerequisite for the line's opening. Should the Historic Preservation Review Board grant the Kingman Park Civic Association's request later this year, the process of reworking the plans could add many months to the opening date. Should it decline the application, the delay would be less dramatic.

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D.C.'s streetcars currently live at Metro's Greenbelt Yard, until they have a system.

"It all depends on how we get through that whole process," Bellamy said.

Bellamy acknowledged things may have been pushed hastily, driven more by political machinations than by the realities of planning and engineering the system: "What we're doing now is taking a step back and doing it the right way — doing the hard planning, doing the environmental work and doing the community outreach." MIKE DEBONIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Audit Shows Security Lapses At Tax Office

Washington

Internal audits and reports show that major security lapses lingered at the D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue years after a mid-level manager was caught embezzling tens of millions of dollars.

According to reports obtained by The Washington Post, auditors have repeatedly warned Chief Financial Officer Natwar Gandhi about weak controls and oversight at the office.

The office didn't respond to requests for comment from the newspaper about the reports and audits.

The audits and reports were written by Gandhi's internal affairs unit, which was run by William DiVello. The former assistant inspector general abruptly resigned last week. (AP)

Priorities: Jack Evans, D-Ward 2, chairman of the finance and revenue panel, is a consummate sports fan and has thus decided to modify the order of a D.C. Council committee meeting set for Wednesday. The hearing is to discuss serious questions concerning the city tax office, but because of the Nats' playoff game, the hearing will start at 9 a.m. and recess at noon. Should it be necessary, Evans said, he will restart the hearing at 5 p.m. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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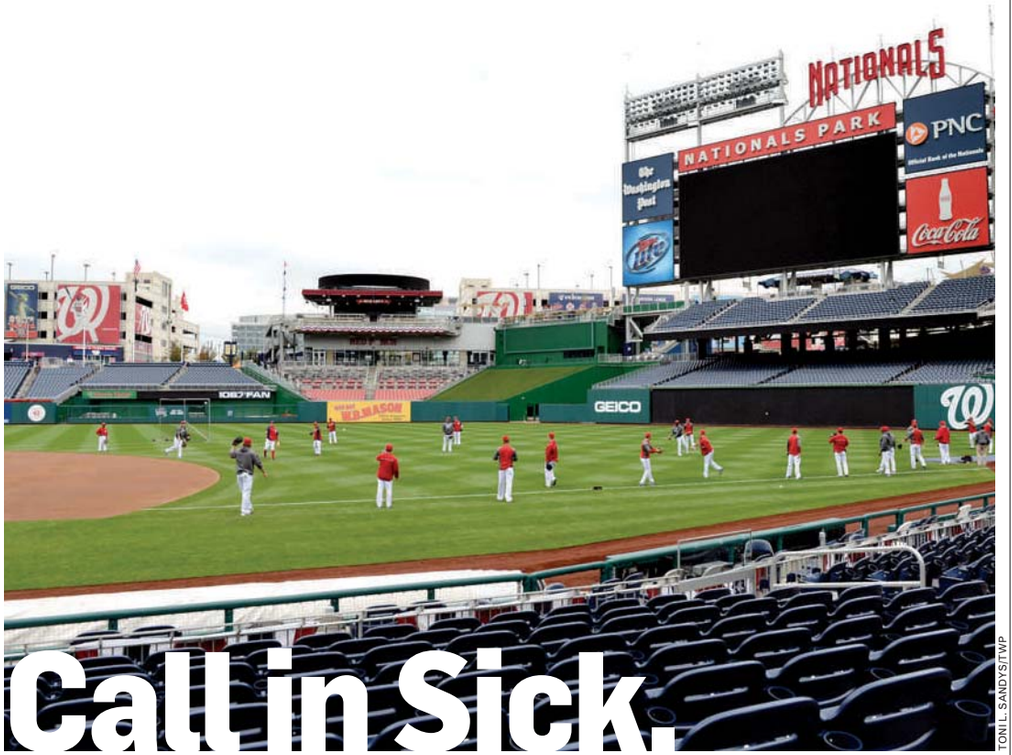

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It won't be easy to watch the Nats' game whether you have a ticket or not

The Nationals

Washington has waited 79 years for postseason baseball to return to its soil, but now that it's here, thousands of long-suffering fans are wondering how they're going to see the next game.

The Nationals completed the season's 162-game schedule with baseball's best record, only to be dealt a couple of bad hands by Major League Baseball. First, by a quirk of the new playoff format, they were forced to open the postseason on the road with two games against the reigning World Series champions. Then it was announced on Monday that the first home playoff game in generations would be played on a Wednesday at 1 p.m., leaving many in town relying on the kindness of their bosses or the soundness of their fabricated excuses for missing work. To top it off, the game will be carried on the MLB Network, which is available on most local carriers but often only through premium programming packages.

Manager Davey Johnson lobbied to have the game played in prime time, but that wasn't enough to extricate the New York Yankees from their customary position as headliners.

Nationals fan John Quinn, having already purchased tickets to Wednesday's game, told The Washington Post on Monday that he quickly emailed his boss to request a half day off.

"It's the worst-case scenario," Quinn said. "Some of us actually have to work. It's really upsetting. This is the first time we've had playoff baseball since 1933, and to get the 1 o'clock start time and the MLB Network just seems really unfair."

After taking a 1-0 lead in the series, the Nationals had hoped Wednesday's game would be a clincher, but they were battered 12-4 by the Cardinals in Game 2 on Monday. The remaining games in the best-of-five series will be played at Nationals Park.

"I don't think anyone said it was going to be easy," third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said. "You're not going to sweep your way through the playoffs. It's going to be a battle."

In the series' first two games, Washington's starting pitchers — who carried the club for much of the season — struggled. In Game 3, the Nationals will hand the baseball to Edwin Jackson, a postseason starter for St. Louis last October.

Jackson finished the regular season with a 10-11 record and a 4.03 ERA. He last faced the Cardinals on Sept. 28. In 1 ⅓ innings, he recorded only four outs and gave up nine runs. DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

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** If necessary

Pitching Wednesday

Edwin Jackson (10-11, 4:03 ERA) vs. **Chris Carpenter** (0-2, 3.71 ERA)

Go to the Game

If you don't have tickets, you can still get them. Hope you're in line already or prepared to pay up:

Buy One, Get Another

A limited number of standing-room-only tickets for Wednesday's NLDS game go on sale at the Nationals Park Box Office when it opens at 9 a.m. While you're there, you can buy a limited number of tickets for any potential National League Championship Series games.

Pay Up

$1,000

The highest price we saw for a pair of tickets to Wednesday's Nats-Cardinals game. It was on stubhub.com for seats in Section 211 — the infield club level.

Find Better TV

Some casual viewers may discover that they don't have the proper subscription package to receive the MLB Network, where the Nats-Cardinals game will air Wednesday.

- **For RCN's D.C. Metro subscribers,** the MLB Network is part of the provider's "Premiere" package.
- **On the website for Comcast** (now Xfinity), the MLB Network is listed as part of the Digital Premier and Digital Preferred packages but not the Digital Starter package.
- **According to the website for Northern Virginia's Cox cable system,** subscribers need either an HD package or the "Bonus Pak," which also includes stations such as the Military Channel and Nick Jr.
- **Verizon Fios' basic "Local Digital" package in Montgomery County, Md.,** also does not include the station.

* The MLB Network will broadcast two division series games annually through 2021. The station created a website, www.FindMLBNetwork.com, to help viewers who are unsure whether they already subscribe or to potentially upgrade. (TWP)

DC Rider
Minimize the damage from the gridlock caused by the Nats' game. **Page 9**

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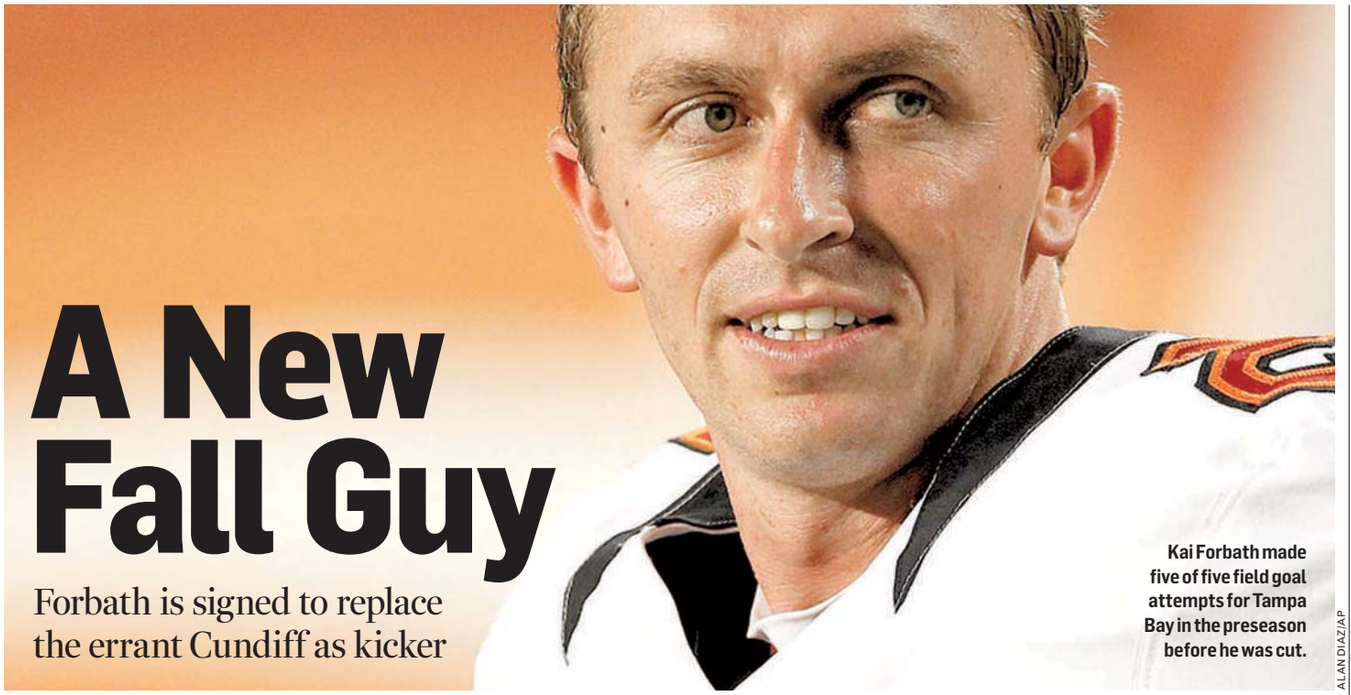

A New Fall Guy

Forbath is signed to replace the errant Cundiff as kicker

Kai Forbath made five of five field goal attempts for Tampa Bay in the preseason before he was cut.

ALAN DIAZ/AP

The Redskins

Another year, another kicker cut.

The Redskins revisited a familiar storyline on Tuesday by releasing Billy Cundiff and signing former UCLA kicker Kai Forbath.

Cundiff lost his job after missing a 31-yard field goal attempt Sunday against the Atlanta Falcons, a week after he misfired on three kicks against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers before making the 41-yard game-winner.

Forbath beat out veterans Olindo Mare and Josh Brown in a tryout held Tuesday at Redskins Park.

An All-American and winner of the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award in 2009, Forbath was signed by Dallas after he went undrafted in 2011, but spent the year on injured reserve.

Forbath tweeted: "Couldn't be more excited to join Redskins nation! #HTTR."

If recent history holds, Forbath may not feel that way for long.

Since Norv Turner took over as coach of the Redskins in 1994, kickers have become the perennial scapegoats of a franchise that has made the playoffs just three times since Joe Gibbs retired as coach the first time. Should Forbath attempt a field goal on Sunday against the Minnesota Vikings, he will be the 19th Redskins kicker to do so in that time span.

Forbath made five of five field goal attempts for Tampa Bay this preseason, including a long of 55. But the Bucs have a strong kicker in Connor Barth, who has made all nine of his kicks this season.

In signing Forbath, the Redskins opted for youth over experience. Mare is a 15-year veteran and Brown has nine NFL seasons under his belt. In four seasons at UCLA, Forbath made 84.2 percent of his kicks, including 10 of 13 beyond 50 yards. As a high schooler in Sherman Oaks, Calif., Forbath made a 57-yard field goal. (EXPRESS/THE WASHINGTON POST)

BRIAN BLANCO/AP

Ex-Raven Billy Cundiff missed five field goal tries in his five games with the Redskins this year.

19 The Redskins have used the most kickers of any team since 1994. The Cardinals, Cowboys and 49ers have used the second most with 13. The Chiefs and Giants have each used 12.

Kicking Carousel

On Sunday, the Redskins will ask a 19th employee since 1994 to attempt a field goal — the highest number in the NFL, by a lot. No other team has used more than 13 field-goal kickers since 1994. Also, three-quarters of the league has used nine or fewer kickers, less than half of Washington's total. (TWP)

KICKER	YEARS	FGM-FGA	FG PCT.
Chip Lohmiller	1988-94	175-245	71.4%
Eddie Murray	1995, 2000	35-48	72.9%
Scott Blanton	1996-98	44-60	73.3%
Cary Blanchard	1998	11-17	64.7%
David Akers	1998	0-2	0%
Brett Conway	1999-2002	52-69	75.4%
Kris Heppner	2000	4-6	66.7%
Michael Husted	2000	4-8	50%
Scott Bentley	2000	1-1	100%
Jose Cortez	2002	5-8	62.5%
James Tuthill	2002	10-16	62.5%
John Hall	2003-06	54-70	77.1%
Ola Kimrin	2004	6-10	60.0%
Jeff Chandler	2004	5-6	83.3%
Nick Novak	2005-06	10-17	58.8%
Shaun Suisham	2006-09	82-102	80.4%
Graham Gano	2006-11	31-41	73.8%
Billy Cundiff	2012	7-12	58.3%

In Brief

KATHY WILLENS/AP

Texans inside linebacker Brian Cushing was injured Monday versus the Jets.

PRO FOOTBALL

Knee Injury Sidelines Texans' Cushing for Year

Houston Texans linebacker Brian Cushing is out for the season with a torn ligament in his left knee. Cushing was hurt Monday night in the second quarter of the Texans' 23-17 win over the New York Jets on a low block by guard Matt Slauson. Cushing walked off the field on his own but didn't return. (AP)

SOCCER

Donovan Ruled Out For Key U.S. Qualifiers

Landon Donovan will not play for the U.S. national team in two upcoming World Cup qualifiers because of an injured left knee. U.S. Soccer announced the decision Tuesday, hours after coach Jurgen Klinsmann said the team was "very, very positive" that Donovan would be available for the games — Friday against Antigua and Barbuda, then Oct. 16 against Guatemala. (AP)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (1 P.M., MLBN) The Nats try to take a 2-1 series lead over the Cardinals in Game 3 of the NLDS.

ORIOLES (7:30 P.M., TBS) The O's-Yankees ALDS heads to New York tied at one game each.

PRO BASEBALL (4 P.M., TBS; 9:30 P.M., TNT) Game 4 of the Reds-Giants series and Game 4 of the Tigers-A's series — if either is necessary.

Strasburg Accepts Shutdown

Just a spectator for the playoffs, ace says his anger has cooled

The Nationals

Tuesday afternoon, one month and one day after the men who run the Nationals prohibited him from pitching for the team with the best record in baseball, Stephen Strasburg occupied an increasingly familiar spot on the field. The Nationals' ace stood in the outfield, playing catch and shagging flies, part of the team but not the roster.

As the Nationals play the postseason without him, Strasburg has softened his stance on the Nationals' decision to shut him down. He still does not like it, which is why, in the week after his final start, he lobbied the Nationals to let him pitch. They did not, of course, but Strasburg's anger has since mellowed.

ALEX BRANDON/AP

Stephen Strasburg throws the ball in the outfield during a workout on Tuesday.

"It's the dumbest thing I've ever seen a major league team do in my entire career, and I hope they pay the price for it."

— **LEO MAZZONE,** FORMER BRAVES PITCHING COACH, WHO DURING A RADIO INTERVIEW IN ST. LOUIS ON TUESDAY BLASTED THE NATS FOR SHUTTING DOWN STEPHEN STRASBURG.

Meanwhile ...

The St. Louis Cardinals removed Jaime Garcia from their NL division series roster Tuesday, a day after he lasted only two innings in his Game 2 start because of an ailing shoulder. An MRI revealed that the left-hander has a strained rotator cuff and inflammation in his throwing shoulder. He'll be replaced by rookie right-hander Shelby Miller. (AP)

First, consider what he said Tuesday afternoon: "I've accepted it, and I'm just trying to be here for the team." Now, remember what Strasburg said on Sept. 8, hours after manager Davey Johnson sidled next to him in the trainer's room and told him his season was over: "I don't know if I'm ever going to accept it, to be honest."

How, on the eve of Washington's first major league playoff game in 79 years, did Strasburg arrive at that point? The simple answer is the one month and one day between then and now.

"Time, basically," Strasburg said. "I'm still pretty upset. I'm kind of past that. It's done with. There's nothing you can do. I could sit here and be upset and not be a good teammate, but I don't want to be that type of guy."

Strasburg did not wish to discuss specifically how much he has lobbied the Nationals to pitch. (If it needs to be said, Strasburg will not be making any postseason appearances, period.) But he admitted it had come up in the past, and that he no longer felt the need to push them.

"It's their call," Strasburg said. "It'd be pretty reckless to have me get on the mound and get going now after not even getting on the mound for a month. I talked to them about it for the week after that, but they were pretty firm. Now it's to the point where I don't think it would be smart for anybody to do that."

ADAM KILGORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Jets Stick With Sanchez Amid Calls for Tebow

Pro Football

Mark Sanchez is staying put as the New York Jets' starting quarterback.

Despite struggling again in a 23-17 loss to the Houston Texans, Sanchez is still Rex Ryan's guy — even as many fans and media are suggesting that a switch to Tim Tebow could help the Jets (2-3) get back on track.

"Yeah, no question," the Jets coach said Tuesday without hesitation when asked if Sanchez remains the team's starter.

Sanchez has completed less than 50 percent of his passes in four straight games, and his 48.4 completion percentage ranks last in the NFL. He also has an unsightly 66.6 quarterback rating, which is 31st in the league — ahead of only Kansas City's Matt Cassel (66.2) and Cleveland rookie Brandon Weeden (64.5).

Ryan wouldn't speculate on whether he might pull Sanchez for Tebow if the starter continues to struggle and the Jets' two-game losing streak increases.

"I'm not going to get into the what-ifs and all that," Ryan said. "We're not preparing to lose, that's for sure. We're thinking we're going to win, starting this week." (AP)

Ovi Sighting in Prague

PETR DAVID JOSEK/AP

ALEX OVECHKIN hits Zdeno Chara during the Moscow Dynamo's 1-0 win over Lev Praha in a KHL game Tuesday in Prague, Czech Republic. Ovechkin (Moscow) and Chara (Lez) are among the NHL players playing overseas during the lockout.

2 Suspensions For Bounties Upheld by NFL

Pro Football

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has handed down new discipline to four players in connection with the NFL's bounty investigation of the Saints.

There are no changes to the full-season suspension for New Orleans' linebacker Jon Vilma or the four-game suspension for Saints defensive end Will Smith.

The suspension of free agent defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove was reduced from eight to seven games, while Cleveland linebacker Scott Fujita is now docked one game, down from three.

Only Smith and Fujita have played this season since an appeal panel created by the NFL's labor agreement vacated the original suspensions on technical grounds. (AP)

Rough Trip: The Yankees have gotten a taste of the commuter's life. Power problems on the team's train line delayed their departure out of Baltimore. They were then forced to switch to buses during a late-night trip home after a 3-2 loss in Game 2 of the division series. The Yankees arrived at the train station around 1 a.m. Tuesday but were delayed about an hour. The train experienced further electrical disruptions about a half-hour into the trip. (AP)

lookout

Highly Charged
Magician David Blaine completes his latest electrifying stunt 35

Inside Jokes

MICHAEL UNDERWOOD

Hybrid Comedy

Stand-up comedy is made to be enjoyed in a dark room laughing along with other people. As a result, it hasn't always translated to television.

There are commercials, editing and the simple fact that stand-up doesn't look as good on camera as it does in person. Yet every year, Comedy Central airs several stand-up-oriented series.

By Rudi Greenberg

Its newest offering, "Mash Up" (Tuesday, 12:30 a.m.), is its most interesting experiment to date. A hybrid of stand-up and sketch comedy, the show features what it's calling "joke visualizations." In other words, acted-out jokes. The trend has become popular online: The A.V. Club has "Stand Down," and Vulture has "Pop Culture Memory Lane." Both Web series present comics narrating animated recreations of bits. The difference with "Mash Up" is that the comics actually act out their routines.

So instead of just watching Hannibal Buress, above, talk about getting a jaywalking ticket in Montreal, we see him act it out, cutting back and forth between sketch and stage. It's a little jarring — Buress' voice literally comes out of the mouth of a Canadian cop — but it shows how, with a little creativity, stand-up can be just as engrossing on TV as it is in a club.

@ Read Rudi's previous columns at: **expressnightout.com/insidejokes**

ABC

Songs of the South

ABC's new 'Nashville' gets Music City's soundtrack just right

Fall Premieres

Shortly before ABC's new music-themed drama "Nashville" was set to begin filming, the producers had a problem: Three moments in the pilot needed musical numbers, and absolutely nothing fit. When one person wanted to use songs that just sounded "good," the others shot that down. Good wasn't good enough.

Around that time, series creator Callie Khouri and executive producer R.J. Cutler were at the legendary Bluebird Cafe in Nashville when Khouri received an email from her friend John Paul White. White, of folk duo the Civil Wars, sent three songs — would any of them work?

"Somehow," Cutler says, "each one of these songs miraculously hit the bull's-eye, threaded the needle — whatever metaphor you want to use — in a way that no other of the hundreds of songs we heard had."

Cutler's story helps explain why the pilot of "Nashville," a drama about the cutthroat culture of Music City, stands out: Even if it comes down to the wire, no one will settle for simply "good enough." With Khouri's husband, record producer T Bone Burnett, signed on as executive music producer, the show is infused with a gripping authenticity.

ABC is marketing the series, which debuts Wednesday, as a battle between old and new. Connie Britton stars as Rayna Jaymes, an adored country music legend whose iron grip on the charts is starting to loosen. That's thanks to young country-pop crossover sensation Juliette Barnes (Hayden Panettiere), who has a sweet smile but boasts a nasty streak. The new president of their label comes up with a great idea: Send Rayna and Juliette on tour together, with Rayna opening.

While the Rayna versus Juliette story drives the pilot, the show itself provides an additional hook through an incredibly detailed portrayal of the music scene in Nashville, one that goes beyond country music.

"We've never really seen the actual place as it is," Khouri says. "People think of country music because that's the product that's exported from there. But there's actually a wide range of music. ... It's a very unique city with a lot of different layers."

EMILY YAHR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Review

Perfect Twang

ABC 10:00

"Nashville" never strays too far from its real story — the ups and downs of glitzy stardom, with stars Connie Britton and Hayden Panettiere performing their own vocals. Near the end of the first episode, an unknown songwriter and a waitress sing a duet at a waterin' hole's open-mike night that is far and away the loveliest thing you'll see on TV this year. It's possible that "Nashville" will be lured down the path of eye-rolling melodrama soon enough, but until then, viewers should bask in its tender perfection. HANK STUEVER (TWP)

Sitcom Soap Opera: About two weeks before "Community" and "Whitney" were set to debut their fourth and second seasons, respectively, NBC executives have said "never mind," postponing the two comedies' launch dates indefinitely. Both shows were given a Friday night timeslot and were scheduled to start Oct. 19. But late Monday, NBC released a statement explaining that both would return at an unspecified date. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

entertainment lookout

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1 All the Feelings

Perhaps you remember the Mountain Goats as that whiny emo band your whiny emo college roommate listened to all the time. If so, you're only partially right. Frontman John Darnielle is one of the best rock lyricists ever (he just cares SO MUCH), and his songs about heartbreak will get you through any loss or rejection, especially if you don't mind his not-for-the-ages voice. ***Ottobar, 2549 N. Howard St., Baltimore; Wed., 8 p.m., sold out; 410-662-0069, Theottobar.com.***

2 Love Buzz

Bees make the flowers bloom, but you don't want a quarter million of them on your face. Dutch performance artist Jeroen Eisinga's short film "Springtime," on view through Sunday at the Hirshhorn, documents 20 minutes he spent becoming totally enveloped in 250,000 live bees. Ask him "Seriously, WHY?" when he speaks tonight. ***Hirshhorn Museum, Independence Avenue and 7th Street SW; Wed., 7 p.m., free; 202-633-1000, Hirshhorn.si.edu. (L'Enfant Plaza)***

3 Instrumental Innovation

A Buke and Gase show is a visit to the Willy Wonka Chocolate Factory of music. Arone Dyer and Aron Sanchez are always coming up with their own crazy hybrid instruments — for example, the "buke," which is a baritone ukulele with six strings, and the "gass," a guitar-bass. The band name was once "Buke and Gass," but everybody mispronounced it. ***DC9, 1940 9th St. NW; Wed., 8 p.m., $10; 202-483-5000, Dcnine.com. (U Street)***

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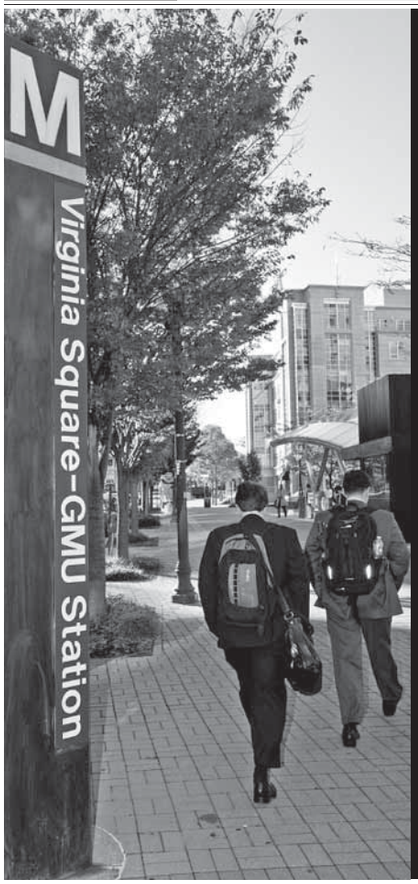

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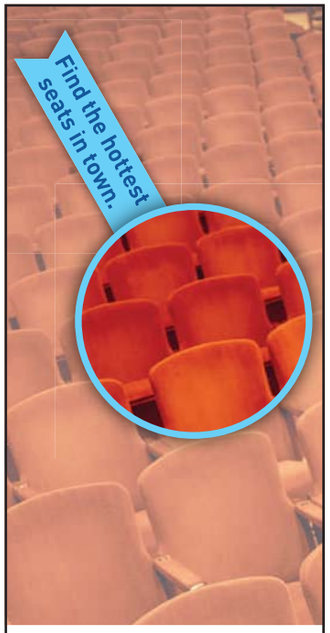

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Family saga rewinds

A film adaptation of the literary classic *White Deer Plain* condenses the lives of 20 characters at a formative time in China's history. **Liu Wei** learns more.

Wang Quan'an first read *White Deer Plain* when he was a student at the Beijing Film Academy. The family saga set in Shaanxi province features plenty of history and sex.

He did not expect that years later he would direct the first film based on the novel by veteran author Chen Zhongshi. Many filmmakers, including Wang himself, have considered *White Deer Plain* to be a novel that could not be successfully adapted into a film. "The book is so intense and complicated that it is easier to adapt it into 10 films instead of one," he says.

A must-read for anyone who wants to understand the country and its people better, the book traces the ups and downs of two rural clans in the first half of the 20th century in Shaanxi.

The winner of China's top literature honor, the Mao Dun Literature Prize, it has been a popular story among Chinese directors, Zhang Yimou and Chen Kaige included.

The film was released in China on Sept 15, 20 years after the book was published in 1993, eight years after Wang became involved in the project and seven months after the film won a Silver Bear at the Berlin festival.

At a recent seminar to mark the 20th anniversary of the book, writer Chen Zhongshi gave the film 95 marks out of 100.

"It is the highest score I have ever got since my first day at school," Wang said.

Wang, 47, was first involved in the project when Lu Wei, the scriptwriter of Chen Kaige's iconic *Farewell My Concubine*, found him and suggested they make the film together. The budget then was only 30 million yuan ($4.6 million).

At that time Wang had made only two low-budget art-house films. He recalls that he was at first "not ambitious to handle an epic", but *White Deer Plain* was so tempting a subject that they finished a script.

JIANG DONG / CHINA DAILY

Director Wang Quan'an

However, the script did not gain approval, and the main investor, Xi'an Film Studio, was short of money at the time.

In the following two years, Wang made two more art-house films: *Tuya's Marriage*, about an Inner Mongolian woman's choice to take her disabled husband into her new marriage, which won a Golden Bear in Berlin; and *Apart Together*, about a veteran's return from Taiwan to the mainland, which won silver for best screenplay in Berlin.

In 2010, Wang joined his powerful producer, Zhang Xiaoke, general manger of Shaanxi Tourism Group. When filming of *White Deer Plain* finally started, the budget had increased to 100 million yuan.

For an art-house film in China, the budget was huge and meant that while Wang had targeted international film festivals before, he had to win over a much wider group in his homeland with the new film.

While his producer tried various means to meet this end, including building a recreational theme park in Shaanxi province, Wang gathered some of China's most well-received actors, such as Zhang Fengyi, to please audiences.

He let the actors do only two things before shooting started: practice the Shaanxi dialect and do farm work.

"For me, the book tells how Chinese people were stunned by the fall of the imperial system and they have been confused building a new system of values, until now."

The author confronts the characters, mostly farmers, with the social upheavals from the 1910s to the 1940s — the downfall of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) up to the dawn of New China.

While some senior figures try to hold on to old values, the younger generation eagerly embraces fresh ideas — some join the Communist Party, others go over to the Kuomintang, and a few become opportunists seeking personal gain.

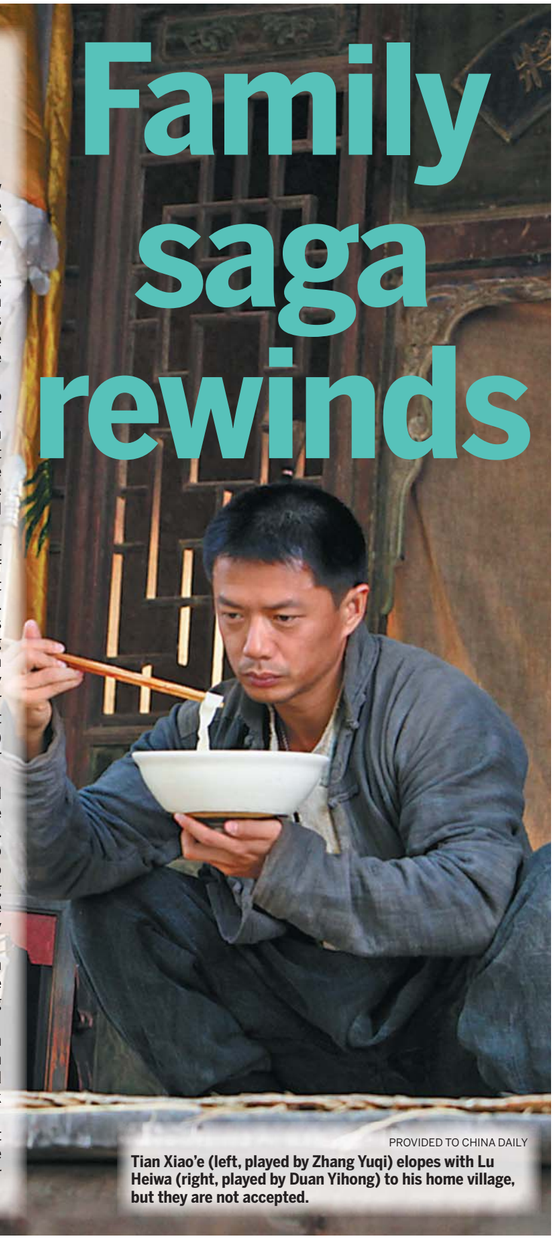
To digest more than 20 major characters' life choices in a span of 50 years was so challenging that Wang's first cut was 220 minutes. Shortly before he took it to 2012's Berlin festival as the only competing Chinese film, he edited it down to 160 minutes, removing mainly scenes set after 1938, one year after the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression (1937-45) started. The film won a Silver Bear for best cinematography.

In the 156-minute re-edited version, currently in Chinese theaters, the story ends in 1938. Some sex scenes are thought to have been cut. "I never planned to make the shots sensuous," Wang said. "They must work for the portrayal of the characters. Every shot is driven by the drama."

Although the final version screened is very different from the original cut, Wang is not complaining and would rather move on.

"I feel more than happy the film is released. The turbulence the film experienced is nothing compared to what the characters in the book have been through," he said.

"You never know when the perfect timing is to make a film. If you have the drive and determination for something, you go for it."



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Tian Xiao'e (left, played by Zhang Yuqi) elopes with Lu Heiwa (right, played by Duan Yihong) to his home village, but they are not accepted.

Unforgettable roles

By LIU JUN

When director Wang Quan'an chose the cast for his adaptation of Chen Zhongshi's *White Deer Plain*, nobody wanted the role of Tian Xiao'e. Even so, if a reader was to remember only one character from the novel, it would have to be Tian Xiao'e, a sensual, illiterate woman who follows her instincts. However, her involvement with several men and her horrible ending could pose a challenge to the bravest of actresses.

Tian, the concubine of an old miser, elopes with a young farmer, Lu Heiwa, to his home in Bailu village, but the couple is not accepted.

When Lu joins guerillas in the midst of a famine, Tian is left with nothing. She becomes a tool in the hands of Lu Zilin, head of the Lu family, in his scheming against his old rival Bai Jiaxuan, head of the Bai family.

Lu coerces Tian to seduce Bai Xiaowen, eldest son of Bai Jiaxuan. Lu Heiwa's father, an upright old man, stabs Tian to death to end the shame.

The tragedy does not end there. In a plague, rumors spread that Tian's ghost is the culprit. Her remains are dug up and cremated, and a brick tower built atop her tomb, to keep the ghost under control.

Why does the author give this frail woman such a horrifying end? "It's logical in the context of an agricultural society rooted in superstition," Chen said.

In a novella, Chen recounts how his own village followed a feng shui master's advice to build a tower to control evil spirits, in the 1950s.

In stark contrast to Tian is Bai Ling, the daughter of Bai Jiaxuan. The author portrays her as an ideal woman, like the famed White Deer, which is believed to bring peace and bounty wherever it appears.

Unlike Tian who blindly takes a tragic course, Bai Ling fights for education, freedom and love. She joins the Communist Party, in secret, and marries Lu Zhaopeng, the older son of her father's old rival.

"She realizes her political and romantic aspirations. In contrast, Tian Xiao'e is not enlightened and finds it impossible to attain happiness," Chen said.

Lu Heiwa and Bai Xiaowen provide the novel's other study in contrasts.

Lu joins the Party and leads farmers to fight increasing taxes, burn opium and free women from having their feet bound. But he degenerates into a bandit leader, before surrendering to the Kuomintang. He becomes an avid student of Confucianism.

Bai appears to be the ideal successor of his father, before he falls for Tian Xiao'e. The disgraced man almost dies a vagrant, before becoming a petty Kuomintang officer. The opportunist then plots the death of his childhood friend Lu Heiwa and becomes the county magistrate.

"(Lu) Heiwa goes backward from joining the revolution to picking up feudal ethics," Chen said, "whereas Bai Xiaowen slides down toward total ruin."

The upright Bai Jiaxuan is based on the author's own grandfather.

While others are affected by the social upheavals, Bai stays true to Confucian doctrines as represented by his brother-in-law Master Zhu. He is always busy with the ancestral hall: leading villagers to pay respects to their ancestors, punishing those who disgrace the village, rebuilding the destroyed hall, and reminding folks about what to do and what not to.

In feudal China, there was no political organization at the village level. Despite numerous natural disasters and wars, moral codes were passed down thanks largely to the ancestral hall, which served as a vital spiritual link holding the nation together, Chen said.

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In the Glow Of 'Lights'

Ellie Goulding offers a full-length follow-up to her breakout single

Album Review

Is there any doubt that Ellie Goulding is this year's Duffy? (And last year's, too, because getting famous is taking Goulding awhile.) Or does anyone even remember Duffy, that other pale, politely blank-faced girl from the United Kingdom who caused a trans-Atlantic freak-out with one great single ("Mercy" in Duffy's case, "Lights" in Goulding's)?

Goulding has a more powerful voice and better branding — she performed at the royal wedding reception last year — than Duffy did. Her new disc, "Halcyon," doesn't sound like the obligatory, stapled-together post-hit-song album release. It sounds like the beginning of something credible.

Ellie Goulding
'Halcyon'

"Halcyon" divides itself between sweeping love ballads and more tentative, electro-heavy dance tracks. All the ballads are of a piece: Breathy and dramatic, they're pixie-dust-covered swirls of grand, operatic sounds overlaid with cooing, swooning vocals.

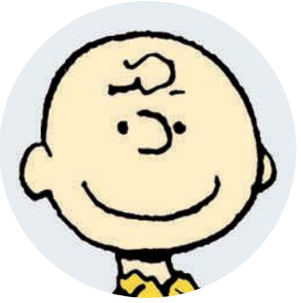
The ballads are new-age cotton candy, like Taylor Swift might have made after listening to too many Sarah McLachlan albums. But the up-tempo songs are made of stern stuff. "Hanging On" is a great, uncannily accurate cover of the Active Child original, and Calvin Harris turns up on the thumping bonus cut "I Need Your Love."

"Lights," from a previous album, is included as a bonus track, a transparent Remember How I Did That Song You Liked? move an American diva would not deign to attempt.

ALLISON STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)

British singer Ellie Goulding moves between ballads and dance tracks on "Halcyon."

COURTESY ELLIE GOULDING



FILM BEAT

You're a Star Again, Charlie Brown

The "Peanuts" gang is coming back to the big screen. Charles Schulz's beloved characters will star in an as-yet-untitled animated film set to hit theaters Nov. 25, 2015. That year marks the 65th anniversary of the "Peanuts" comic and the 50th anniversary of "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the first "Peanuts" TV special. Schulz's son Craig and grandson Bryan co-wrote the screenplay with Cornelius Uliano. (AP)

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'Louie' to Take Extended Break

Louis C.K. delays the FX comedy's fourth season until 2014

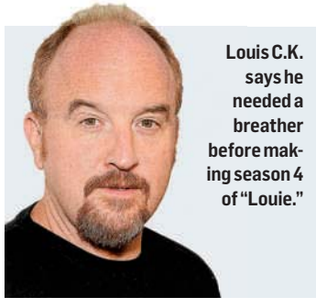
Television

FX network says it's delaying the return of its hit comedy "Louie" until spring 2014.

The network said Tuesday it had granted the request by the series's Emmy-winning star, Louis C.K., for what he called "a little breathing room." Along with performing in the show, he serves as producer, writer and editor and also created it.

"Louie" recently concluded its third season. Until the hiatus was announced, its return for a fourth season was expected next summer.

During a teleconference, C.K. said he gets "irritated" when he's not working but that he sought a break from the show "to feel hungry" again.



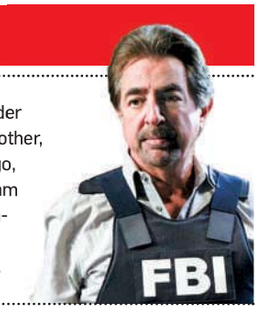
Louis C.K. says he needed a breather before making season 4 of "Louie."

"The last three seasons have been this surge of fun and work and stories, and it's been great to share all this stuff, and I want to keep going," C.K. said. "I want the show to keep getting better. That's my goal, and I don't want it to be making the doughnuts. I want it to keep being something that comes from somewhere fun and important, and I want it to stay funny. It's a luxury that I asked for."

But C.K. won't be idle. This fall, he's continuing a stand-up tour. (AP)

TV tonight lookout

Best Bets



CBS 9:00 **Criminal Minds** When two murder victims are found within hours of each other, one in Los Angeles and one in San Diego, Rossi (Joe Mantegna, right) and the team suspect a pair of killers working together. Kim Wayans and Mackenzie Phillips guest star as relatives of other victims.

NBC 10:00 **Chicago Fire** The professional lives, personal demons and interpersonal conflicts of firefighters, paramedics and rescue personnel are at the heart of this new drama from Dick Wolf, creator of the "Law & Order" franchise.

PBS 10:00 **Nova ScienceNow** New York Times reporter David Pogue takes over as host for the new season, which will explore the evolutionary roots of language, tool-making, laughter and other qualities that help separate humans from the other animals on this planet.

A&E 10:00

Duck Dynasty The Robertsons return for season 2 of the breakaway hit about the family's sprawling duck-call empire in Louisiana. In the premiere, each family member takes a turn trying to impart wisdom to Willie's, left, teenage kids. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

JACK ROWAND

In "Arrow," Stephen Amell plays yet another superhero who wields a crossbow.

'ARROW'

Almost on The Mark

CW 8:00

The Green Arrow, a bit player in the DC Comics universe, gets a sleek revamp in this action adaptation, which has at least two things going for it: archery and lead actor Stephen Amell, who will definitely make some viewers, um, quiver. Amell plays Oliver, a party-boy heir whose yacht sinks and leaves him stranded on an island for five years, where he picks up archery, martial arts, parkour, fantastic abs and a "Dark Knight" complex. "Arrow" is as much about back story as present-day action, as Ollie returns to fictional Starling City and works to uncover a criminal plot that involved his father. There is nothing new to see here, yet "Arrow" still has nice aim.

HANK STUEVER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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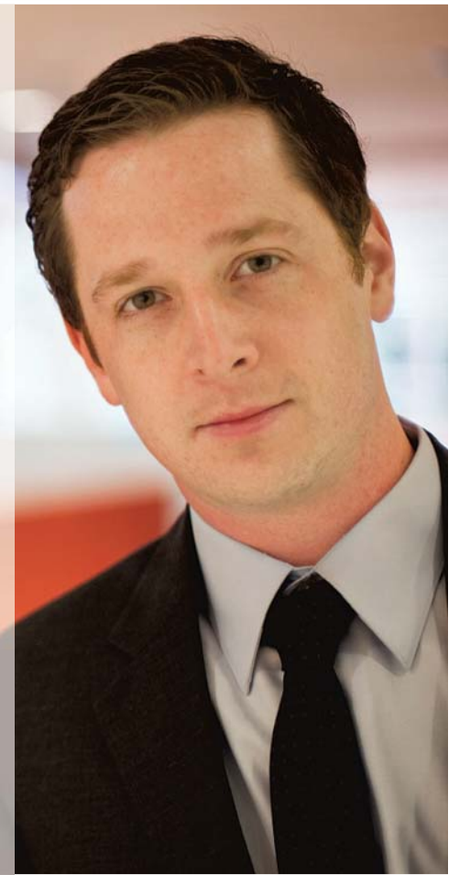

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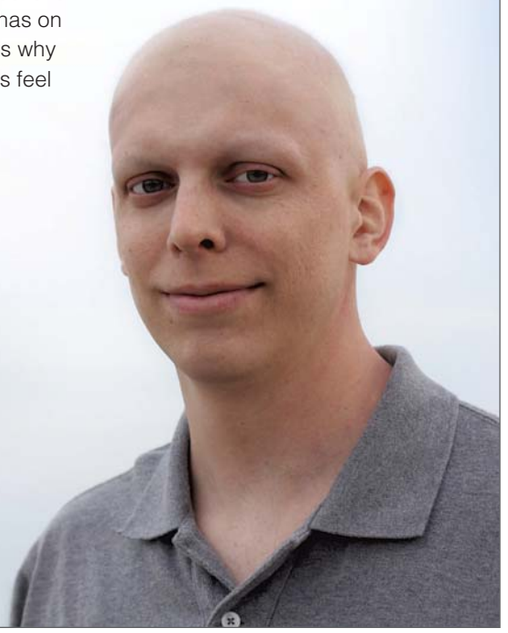

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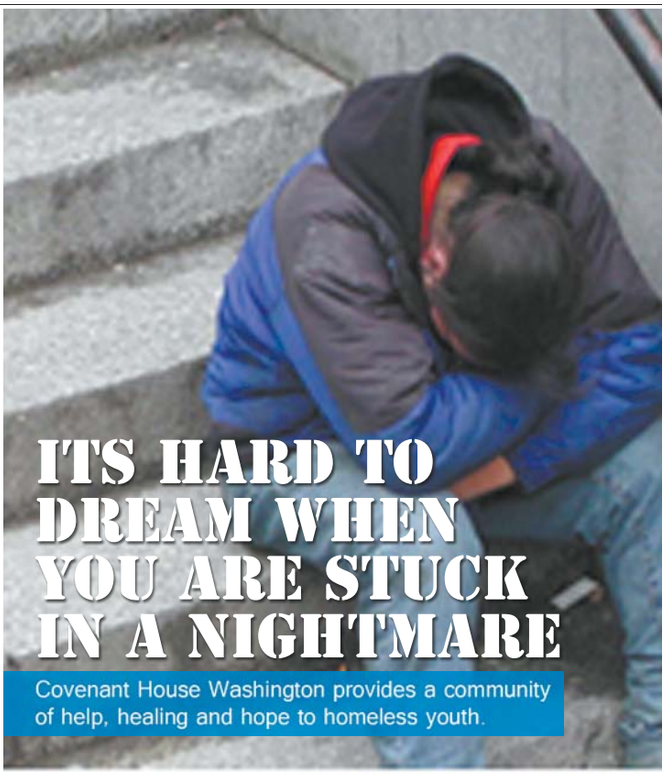

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Leaving his parents' house at age 18, Kenneth Harris had no idea that it would take nearly thirty years before he would regain a stable roof over his head. Harris had made a commitment to his country by joining the army. He thought that when he returned, he might go to air traffic control school. However, like many vets, he became a member of the homeless community. To get by, he relied on family members, sleeping on their couches and accepting their hospitality. Other times, he had to sleep in his car. "I once spent a whole summer out by I-95 sleeping at a rest stop," he recalls.

It was Father's Day 2008 that he decided it was time to change his life. Listening to a speech by Barack Obama, he decided he was "sick and tired of being sick and tired." The speech must have resonated with his fatherly responsibilities and shortcomings, because within four years he turned his life around. With the same dedication and hard work that he demonstrated as a young man, Mr. Harris researched ways to pay off his debt, improve his credit score, and gain financial stability. He also secured a place in a local transitional housing program for homeless veterans, Q-Life. When he came across a Habitat for Humanity flier, he was prepared. He contacted Habitat's Washington, DC office and began taking the steps to become a homeowner.

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"I was selfish when I was young," he admits, but working on other people's houses through Habitat's sweat equity program has changed his perspective. "When you're out there, sweating, tearing up concrete in the heat, for no pay, it gets you thinking," he says. Mr. Harris hopes to continue volunteering even after becoming a homeowner. He says he hands fliers out to people because often they don't know about the opportunities that are out there. When asked about his hopes for homeownership, he mentions cooking, moon walking to Billie Jean, and inviting his family over for a change. Most of all though, he says, "I'm just going to lock the door, sit, and relax."

Veteran KEN HARRIS works to build his own home alongside a DC Habitat volunteer.
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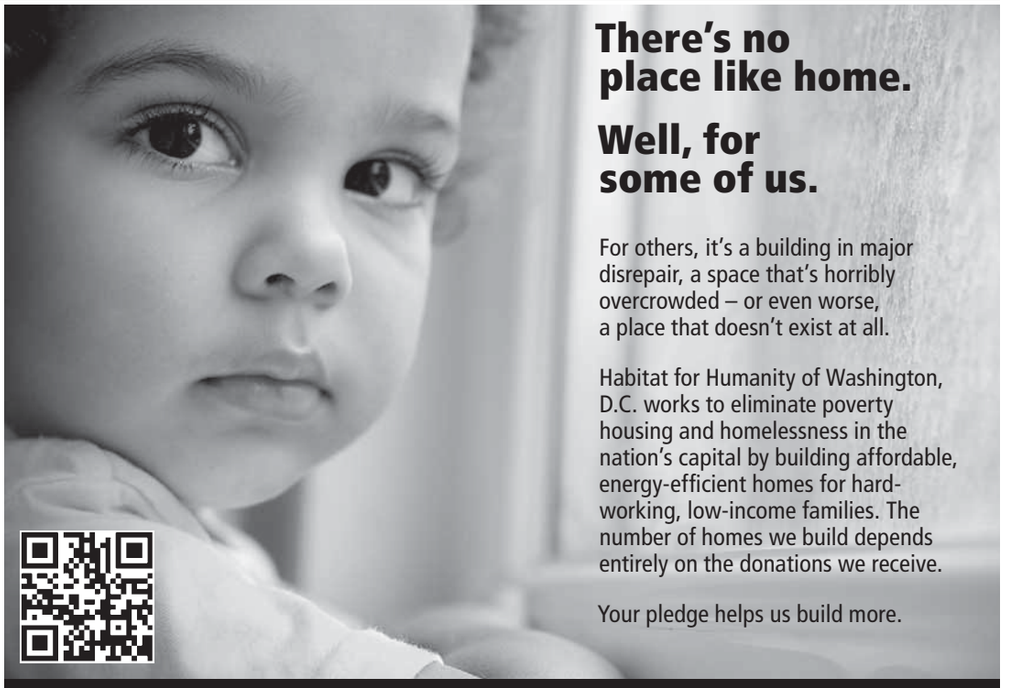

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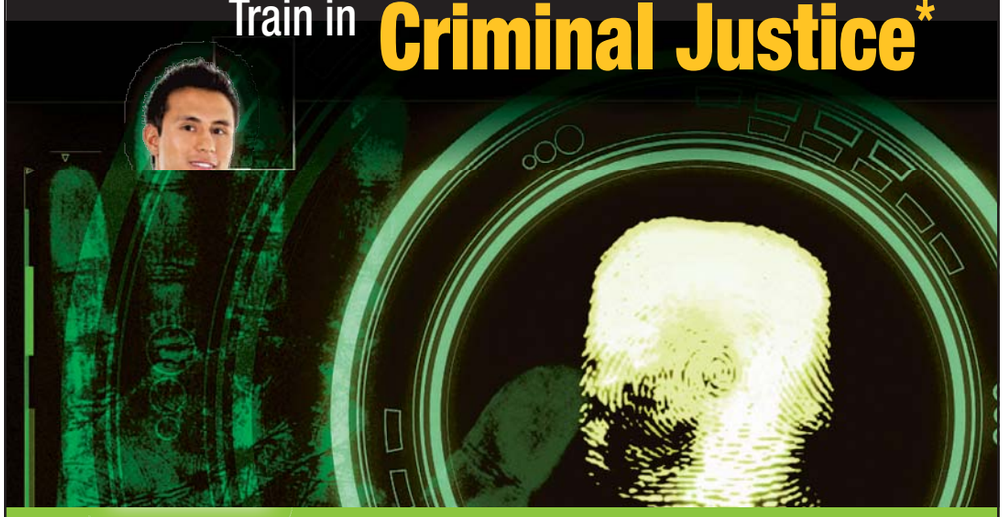

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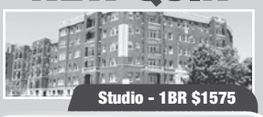

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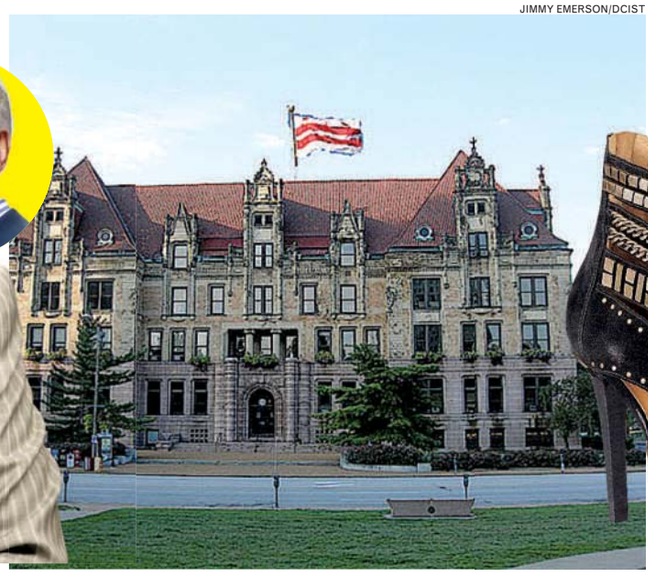

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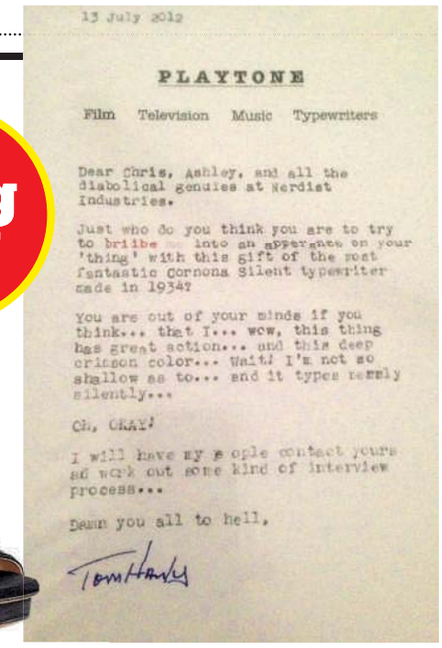

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Ok, OKAY!

I will have my people contact yours and work out some kind of interview process...

Damn you all to hell,

Tom Hanks

"I can't imagine the KHL envisioned Barry Melrose doing 60 minutes of Joe Biden impressions when they signed that broadcast deal."

— **@BANGINPANGER** thought ESPN's broadcast of the Russian hockey league's game featuring Alex Ovechkin playing for Dynamo Moscow on Tuesday was unprofessional.

"Seems like a missed opportunity, though: Three Stars Brewing Company vs. Schlafly; Ben's Chili Bowl half-smokes vs. barbecued meats; jumbo slice vs. that weird pizza?"

— **BENJAMIN R. FREED AT DCIST.COM** thought the bet placed between D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray and St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay — in which the losing city in the Nationals/Cardinals series would have to fly the opponent's flag over City Hall — was unimaginative.

"If I had a dollar for every time I've had to rummage through my kids' rooms to find money to play tooth fairy because I had no single dollars of my own, I'd be rich. Well, maybe not rich, but I'd actually have enough money to pay for the damn teeth and not be rummaging through their rooms at three o'clock in the morning to begin with."

— **SCARYMOMMY.COM** is getting tired of the rite of passage that most kids enjoy when their teeth fall out.

"I don't want Nine West to get 'cooler' or whatever it is they appear to be trying to do."

— **@JENNYROGERSDC** is not a fan of the shoe company's attempts to reband itself.

"I sent @tomhanks a vintage typewriter w/ an invitation to come on the podcast. This was the response."

— **@NERDIST** shares the creative reply he received from the actor after shipping him a gift to request a show appearance.

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Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Make sure that certain safety measures are securely in place today before others embark on an endeavor that could be dangerous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself in charge of a certain series of developments that do not, ultimately, involve you directly. You have needed skills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) An emotional situation develops quickly, and you are the only one who understands how to keep things from getting out of hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change of direction can serve you and others quite well — but you must be sure you know as much as possible about what lies ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Now is no time to overcomplicate things. The simple, straightforward approach keeps you from a personal entanglement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're likely to crave the kind of involvement that is not usually available to you — but right now it's exactly what lies in store.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's not enough to get things done according to the rules, but you must do so with style, paying attention to internal rhythms.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have enough time to get everything done, provided you do it all in the right order, and focus on economy and efficiency.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your interaction with another may be colored by the memory of a past exchange that didn't go as planned. Rise above it!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others are more than willing to assist you, but you must know exactly what you need — and how and when to ask for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are likely to be recognized for a past accomplishment, but your focus should be on those endeavors that lie ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not feel satisfied by a creative endeavor that doesn't really give you the freedom of expression for which you had hoped.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 224

								RACK 1
A1	E1	I1	T1	L1	P3	F4		
								RACK 2
E1	E1	E1	Y4	R1	T1	D2		
							2nd Letter Double	RACK 3
I1	O1	U1	N1	S1	H4	C3		
							Triple Word Score	RACK 4
A1	E1	E1	I1	V4	V4	S1		

Yesterday's Solution

U1	N1	E1	A1	G2	E1	R1	RACK 1 =	60
F4	E1	A1	R1	F4	U1	L1	RACK 2 =	76
D2	E1	P3	I1	C3	T1		RACK 3 =	11
T1	E1	R1	R1	A1	N1	E1	RACK 4 =	57
PAR SCORE 140-150							TOTAL	204

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

MEDIUM

		6			7			
	8	7	3	9				6
	5			6			9	7
4	2							1
	6	8	7	5	1	2	4	
7							8	3
5	9			8			7	
8				7	2	9	1	
			9			3		

Yesterday's Solution

1	6	4	8	2	3	9	7	5
9	7	5	1	6	4	3	8	2
2	3	8	5	9	7	4	1	6
4	2	9	7	8	6	5	3	1
8	1	7	4	3	5	6	2	9
6	5	3	2	1	9	7	4	8
5	9	2	3	7	1	8	6	4
7	4	1	6	5	8	2	9	3
3	8	6	9	4	2	1	5	7

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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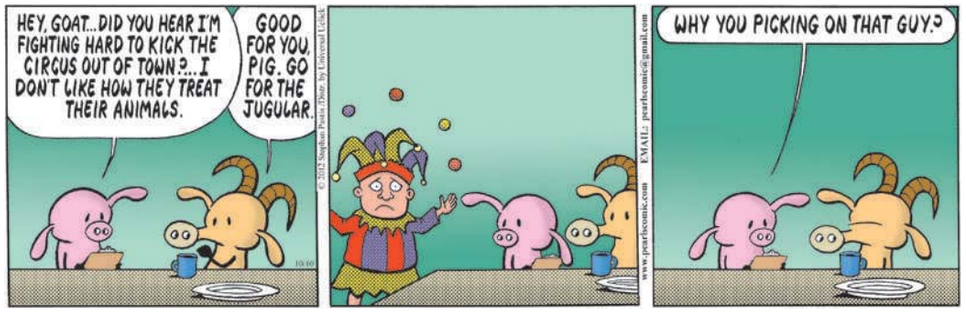
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast

70 | 46

Today: Spotty drizzle in the morning; warmer today. Clearing tonight.

64 | 46

Tomorrow: Sunshine tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

FRI	SAT	SUN
68 | 47	66 | 56	75 | 62

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:13 a.m.
Sunset today: 6:37 p.m.
Moonrise today: 1:49 a.m.
Moonset today: 3:34 p.m.

Almanac
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Record high: 94
Normal low: 53
Record low: 34

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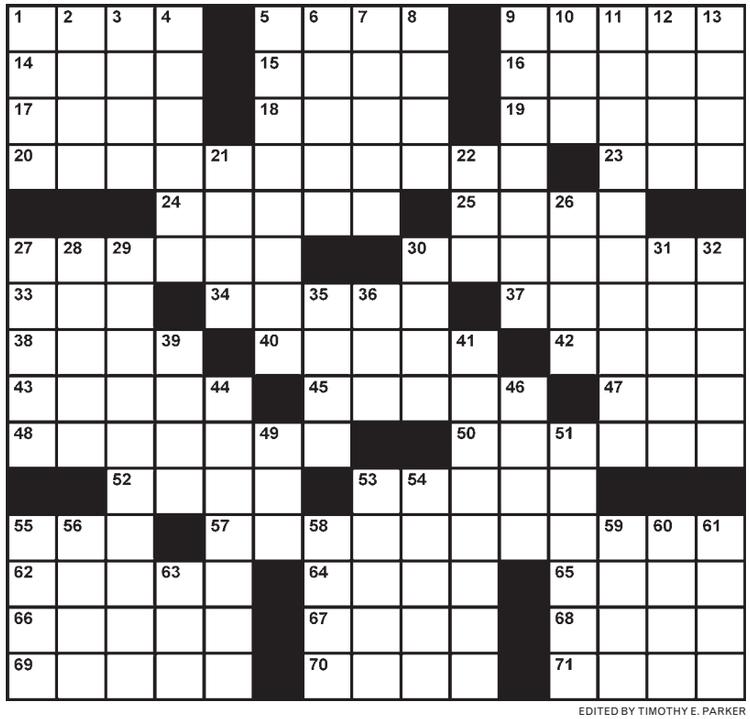

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ACROSS

1 Carousel contents
5 Brighton bloke
9 Roman wraps
14 Russian-spacecraft series
15 Freight car hopper, stereotypically
16 Eaglet nursery
17 Word with "history" or "hygiene"
18 Physics particles
19 ___ brulee (French custard)
20 Dr. Seuss classic (with "The")
23 Telepathic gift
24 Rector's colleague
25 Represent by drawing
27 Famous "cannonball" of song
30 Shiver-inducing
33 Unfeathered wing?
34 Poetic metrical units
37 Brew in a teapot
38 Ill-mannered type
40 Ruin of a statue, perhaps
42 Squirrel's home
43 Readies for swallowing
45 "... tree falls in the forest and ___ ..."
47 Night before
48 Home for ecologists
50 Delights
52 Cross to bear
53 Actress Sarandon
55 Barley bristle
57 Symbol of concentration
62 North Dakota State Fair site
64 Washday unit
65 Some of this and some of that
66 Ryan who played Granny
67 Fail
68 Frees (with "of")
69 Restrain from acting
70 Risked being pulled over
71 Part of a church

DOWN

1 Solid voters?
2 Invisible surrounding quality
3 Tiny flying nuisance
4 Mouth moistener
5 Make small talk
6 Bit of an uproar
7 Doubleday of baseball
8 A Spice Girl
9 Stratagems
10 Above, anthem style
11 Special Forces member
12 Intends
13 Escape through a crevice
21 Decree ___ (legal term)
22 Menu phrase, perhaps
26 "The Simpsons" creator Groening
27 Screen siren Raquel
28 Tropical greeting
29 State flower of Texas
30 Japanese food paste
31 Four-time Kent portrayer
32 Fencing weapons
35 ___ Blanc (France's highest peak)
36 Street buddy
39 Bed size smaller than full
41 Partial
44 Talk like Porky Pig
46 Zest for life
49 Blond shade
51 Type of cat or rabbit
53 Buttinsky
54 Czar's proclamation
55 In the center of
56 One way to transfer money
58 Misfortunes
59 Film excerpt
60 Doesn't just stand by
61 Cooperate with a photographer
63 Unlettered phone number

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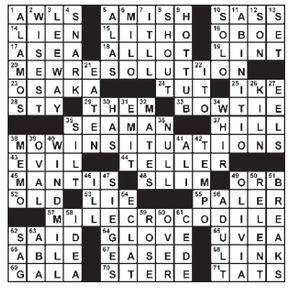

Today in History

1845 The U.S. Naval Academy, one of five federal service academies, is established in Annapolis, Md.

1911 Chinese revolutionaries begin an uprising which led to the collapse of the Qing (or Manchu) Dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China.

1967 The Outer Space Treaty, outlawing weapons of mass destruction on the moon or in space, begins.

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Ryan thanks Rock, though he's inherently suspicious of men with ponytails.

LESSONS

'You Have to Stand for Something, So I Randomly Chose This Paul Ryan Guy'

Kid Rock hasn't been shy about supporting GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney and running mate Paul Ryan, even if it costs him fans. The rock musician introduced Ryan during a rally Monday night in the Detroit suburb of Rochester. The rapper told the raucous crowd he believes "you have to stand for something." (AP)

DIVORCE

Adorable Tiny Comedians Remind Us Love Is Dead And the World Is Bleak

Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman are breaking up. A spokesman for DeVito says the couple is separating after 30 years of marriage. DeVito and Perlman married in 1982 and have three adult children. Together, the couple established the production company Jersey Films, which counts "Pulp Fiction," "Erin Brockovich" and "Out of Sight" among its credits. (AP)

Dirtbag Digest

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Coming Soon: MonsterLeaks

Lady Gaga posted a photo of herself on Monday night with WikiLeaks founder and fugitive from rape charges Julian Assange. According to the Australian, Gaga and Assange had dinner at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where Assange has taken shelter for fear of extradition to Sweden. (EXPRESS)

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EXPERIMENTS

But He's Not Yet The Hulk

Daredevil David Blaine has finished what could be called his most electrifying stunt. The magician emerged Monday night after spending three days and three nights standing in the middle of 1 million volts of electric currents at New York's Pier 54. Blaine, 39, wore a chain-mail bodysuit as a barrier between himself and the currents, emitted by Tesla coils. (AP)

DRINKING GAMES

We're Betting the State He Was in Was 'Altered'

Photos of Justin Bieber allegedly playing beer pong a year and a half ago (when he was 17) have surfaced on TMZ. The website's source, who was not present at the game, is not sure if the photos were taken in Georgia or somewhere in Canada. Another source, who claims to have been there, says it took place in Alabama. (EXPRESS)

"In those early years, it was like, 'I'm here and I'm clutching onto your arm and it all feels a little overwhelming and really strange.'"

—NICOLE KIDMAN, 45, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH HARPER'S BAZAAR, ON HER SHYNESS AND WHAT IT WAS LIKE BEING MARRIED TO TOM CRUISE

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